

Dear Director Palen:

Please accept this letter as a request to do not allow Short Term Rentals (Airbnb) of single family homes in residential areas zoned for residential and not commercial.

We in Williamsburg, VA are constantly dealing with absentee landlords renting houses they own and not maintaining them to keep the area a pleasant and safe place to live; plus as always, the concern for market values.

There are parking issues as well as noise and other typical problems with short term rentals.

Landlords should not be allowed to conduct this kind of business in a neighborhood street. This is further aggravated when the landlord lives out of town and owns the house as a business investment. This slowly weakens and will eventually destroy the comfort and integrity of a neighborhood.

I live in an area with single family homes and it is managed by our Homeowners Association.

The Association by-laws do not allow short term rentals. I hope that this will not be overruled by any action taken.

Please keep these in mind and protect the residential neighborhoods.

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